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► **Local blues hero and Monkey Junk guitarist**
Tony D performs with his bandmates at a
gala held for the announcement of the 2011
Bluesfest lineup, which will include Soundgarden,
Joe Satriani, Buddy Guy and others. See story, Page 4.

MARC DESROSIER/FOR METRO

Big names in Bluesfest's 2011 lineup

Get kids active: Report

► Canadian youth received F grade for fifth
straight year for physical activity levels

Kids are at risk of cardiovascular
disease and diabetes if they con-
tinue their sedentary lifestyles after
school, a new report card reveals.

The 2011 Active Healthy Kids
Canada Report Card on Physical
Activity for Children and Youth
warns that kids are sedentary 59
per cent of the time between 3
and 6 p.m., getting only 14 min-
utes of moderate-to-vigorous phys-
ical activity.

"Three to 6 p.m. is a promising
window of opportunity to promote
physical activity for kids," said Joel
Barnes, the report's lead author and
CHEO junior research scientist. His
report suggests there is a need for
policy-makers to work with par-
ents, schools and community



**"Physical activity is
linked to academic
performance and
mental health, so there
are all kinds of benefits
to being physically
active."** JOEL BARNES, LEAD AHKC
REPORT CARD AUTHOR

organizations to engage youth in
after-school physical activities.

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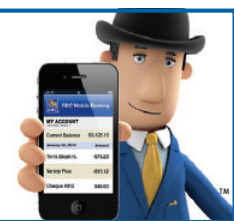


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Candidates asked for tax help

Local IT consultants who own small businesses are asking federal candidates to help them in their fight with the Canada Revenue Agency.

Steve Shipman, a small IT consulting business owner, said for the last 12 years his firm has worked for clients that include government bodies like

Public Works and Government Services Canada.

Now, he's facing an audit that might cost him \$100,000.

"We've contemplated closing the company and it's getting worse," he said.

Before the audit was launched in 2009, he filed his taxes with an accountant and included deduc-

tions for training, travel and equipment — deductions now being disqualified by the tax agency.

His company, which is incorporated, is being considered a personal services business by Revenue Canada and the rules concerning that need to be clarified, according to CABINET, a group that repre-

sents small IT companies.

CABINET named 18 candidates yesterday, from all major parties, who they say have agreed to help if elected.

In return, CABINET is encouraging the approximately 5,000 IT consultants in the Capital Region to vote for them.

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► Steve Shipman

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Clarification

A story published yesterday about a protest by Armenian Canadians outside the Turkish Embassy should have included that in 2004 the Canadian government acknowledged the 1915 Armenian genocide in which, according to the Armenian National Institute, an estimated 1.5 million Armenians died.

The story should have made clear that people of all ages were at the protest.

Friends embark on canoe trip for charity

- Paddlers launch cross-Canada canoe trip to fight water pollution
- Canoeists to stop in Winnipeg on their way to Inuvik



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Eight friends are heading out on the Ottawa River Saturday for a canoe trip that will end about 7,000 kilometres away and five-and-a-half months later in Inuvik, N.W.T.

"The big goal of this trip — as well as having a great time and a great adventure — is to raise awareness for watershed conservation in Canada," said 22-year-old Karine Houde, a graduate of the University of Ottawa's environmental studies program.

"There are a lot of places dumping raw sewage directly into the Ottawa River. We're not taking care of our river in the way that we should."

KARINE HOUDE,
TRANS CANEAUDA TEAM MEMBER

Houde and seven friends are raising money and awareness for groups that promote watershed protection. While the paddlers will explore lakes and rivers across Canada, Ottawa residents don't have



► Trans CanEAuda team members raise a cheer as they officially launch their 7,000-kilometre cross-Canada canoe trek to raise awareness about watershed conservation.

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to go far to understand the need to protect the country's water, she said. Canadian Parks and Wilderness spokesperson Ellen Adle-

berg said Canada has a long way to go in efforts to protect water. "When we see folks like this who are dedicating several months of

their lives to raise awareness about that, it's inspiring," she said.

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► Chris Cornell and Ben Shepherd of Soundgarden perform onstage while headlining the 2010 Lollapalooza festival at Grant Park in Chicago, Ill.

Soundgarden, Flaming Lips to open Bluesfest

► Modern blues-rock bands The Black Keys, My Morning Jacket to join traditional blues acts



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Festival dates

From July 5-10 and
July 12-17

The time for guesswork is over — Soundgarden and The Flaming Lips will open the 2011 Cisco Bluesfest, followed by performances from Ben Harper, The Roots and many more.

"People keep mentioning all the speculation on the lineup," Bluesfest director Mark Monahan said before announcing this year's acts.

"It's kind of flattering, in a way, although most of it is wrong."

The lineup features international acts as well as Canadian favourites including the Tragically Hip, Blue Rodeo, Tegan and Sarah and Death from Above 1979.

Buddy Guy, Death Cab for Cutie, John Fogerty, A Perfect Circle, Huey Lewis & the News, Girl Talk, Steve Miller Band, Erykah Badu, Joe Satriani, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, Billy Talent, Peter Dinklage, Skrillex, Bootsy Collins, The Roots, Galactic, Blue Rodeo, Rise Against, Dropkick Murphys, Three Days Grace and the Arkells will also perform.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Saturday online at www.ottawabluesfest.ca.

No more free shows at Byward

Bluesfest has never held a gala to announce the lineup before and that's only the first of a few changes to the annual music festival this year.

Executive and artistic director Mark Monahan announced about 130 acts throughout an evening of food and music at the Ottawa Convention Centre last night.

The Blacksheep Stage with world music will be returning but because federal funding wasn't

Confirmed:

MBNA stage

July 5 Soundgarden
July 6 Ben Harper
July 7 Steve Miller
July 8 Black Keys
July 9 The Tragically Hip
July 10 A Perfect Circle / Peter Dinklage
July 12 John Fogerty
July 13 My Morning Jacket
July 14 Billy Talent
July 15 Blue Rodeo
July 16 To be confirmed
July 17 Death Cab for Cutie

Claridge Homes stage

July 5 Flaming Lips
July 6 The Roots
July 7 Girl Talk
July 8 Rise Against
July 9 Erykah Badu
July 10 Huey Lewis & the News
July 12 Three Days Grace
July 13 Jennifer Hudson
July 14 Arkells
July 15 To be confirmed
July 16 Death From Above 1979
July 17 Joe Satriani

available there will be no more free shows in the Byward Market, said Monahan.

This year, youth can

pay \$99 for a wristband that will allow them complete access to the festival.

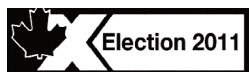
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Opening the door for housing talk

► Canada the only G8 country with no national housing strategy, says the Alliance to End Homelessness



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In a bid to make a national housing strategy an election issue, the Alliance to End Homelessness hosted a lunch date and discussion with federal candidates at the Shepherds of Good Hope yesterday.

"With one week left to go, we had not heard anything on housing and homelessness so we're really wanting people to vote housing," said the group's chair, Marion Wright.

NDP's Paul Dewar, Liberal MP Mauril Bélanger, and Green Party MP Jean-Luc



► Ottawa-Centre NDP MP Paul Dewar chats with people during lunch at the Shepherds of Good Hope yesterday.

Cooke chatted with homeless people during lunch and then were asked by the Alliance whether they support the creation of a National Housing Strategy.

All candidates answered yes and said they would rework the Conservatives' budget on Canada Mortgage and Housing Corpora-

tion spending if elected.

Incumbent Conservative candidate for Ottawa West-Nepean, John Baird, was invited, but did not attend the event.

At the end of the discussion, ATEH asked the candidates to send urgent messages to their party leaders.

Former teacher facing assault charge

A former west-end elementary school teacher has been charged with indecent assault after a man complained to police.

Police said the man told them he had been inappropriately touched off school property by his teacher in the early 1980s.

The victim was 10 or 11 years old at the time, police said.

William Robert Wallace, 64, of Ottawa was arrested yesterday and held for a show cause hearing.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident to contact the Ottawa Police Sexual Assault/Child Abuse Section at 613-236-1222 ext. 5944 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) or toll free at 1-800-222-8477.

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Road. Rage



► Protesters march around the intersection of King Edward Avenue and Rideau Street yesterday afternoon.

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From six lanes to four?

Protesters called for the six-lane stretch of King Edward to be reduced to four lanes, saying the wide road is unsafe and encourages too many transport trucks to drive through the area.

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ASBESTWHAT?

Thou shalt not speak its name

Neither the name of a cancer-stricken Conservative colleague nor the word asbestos passed Stephen Harper's lips yesterday as he defended Canada's export of the deadly carcinogen that has afflicted Transport Minister Chuck Strahl.

Instead, Harper used

a campaign stop in Asbestos, Que., to promote his party as a stout promoter of a dying industry.

"The only party that defends the chrysotile industry is our party, the Conservative party," Harper said in French, at a seniors' home 150 kilometres outside Montreal.

Chrysotile is the name used by the government-funded industry lobby group. The Chrysotile Institute promotes white asbestos and attempts to soften laws restricting or banning its use.

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Grits: 'The base is back'

A covert Liberal ground game has brought disenchanted party faithful back into the fold, Michael Ignatieff said yesterday.

The Liberal chief is confident those 800,000 Grits who stayed home in the 2008 election will come out

to vote on May 2.

"The base is back," he said. Ignatieff credits his pavement pounding with winning back Liberals who couldn't bring themselves to go to the ballot box when Stephane Dion led the party.

"I've spent a year and a half on that bus, a year and a half on Open Mike town halls," Ignatieff said.

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Imagine all the people voting NDP

ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS



▶ NDP Leader Jack Layton waves from the steps of his campaign plane as he arrives in Toronto yesterday.

▶ In new ad Layton says he won't stop until job done ▶ NDP up in polls



Jack Layton is no John Lennon, but the piano-playing, left-leaning NDP leader is nonetheless urging Canadian voters to explore the boundaries of their political imaginations.

The party's latest ad, titled Imagine, urges viewers to think seriously about making a prime minister of Layton — a man whose party has never had the heft to genuinely challenge the Liberals or Conservatives.

It's a dramatic departure from the usual fare of animated cut-outs and low-budget Tory bashing,

another clear sign that with opinion polls suggesting a surge in popularity in Quebec and elsewhere, the NDP is in unfamiliar territory.

No one, it seems, knows that better than their leader.

"I'm a New Democrat," a pragmatic-sounding Layton said yesterday in Montreal, when confronted with the reality that more votes may not mean more seats.

"We're used to ... having people come and be interested in our ideas, but then because of our current electoral system we don't get the number of seats that are warranted by the percentage of vote that we get." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Judge mulls over military death

A military judge reserved his decision yesterday on a defence request to drop a manslaughter charge against a former soldier charged in the fatal shooting of a fellow reservist in Afghanistan.

A lawyer for Matthew Wilcox of Glace Bay, N.S., argued that the manslaughter charge should not proceed because it was stayed at the first court martial.

As the new court martial got underway yesterday, de-

fence lawyer David Bright said the manslaughter charge was put before the original trial as an alternative to the charge of criminal negligence causing death.

Wilcox was found guilty

of criminal negligence causing death in 2009 in the death of Cpl. Kevin Megeney, 25, of Stellarton, N.S. Megeney died after he was shot in his tent in Kandahar on March 6, 2007.

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▶ Cpl. Matthew Wilcox of Glace Bay, N.S., is escorted from his court martial during a break in proceedings in Sydney, N.S., yesterday.

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Defence cuts may affect service stipend

► Allowance changes prompt fear of Defence cuts ► Service people worry

National Defence has changed a cost-of-living allowance for tens of thousands of soldiers, sailors and aircrew, prompting fears the deficit-slashing Harper government will eliminate it altogether.

A spokesman for the department's senior policy section denies the benefit will be scrapped and maintains changes to the Post Living Differential Al-

"Learn to live without it because it'll be gone within a year."

SOME SAILORS WERE TOLD LAST WEEK AT CANADIAN FORCES BASE HALIFAX

lowance are administrative.

But the \$150-million-a-year expenditure is a fat target for Defence, which was to restrain costs by \$500 million this year and \$1 billion in each of the following two years under the latest federal budget.

The benefit used to be included with military paycheques in high-cost cities, but it has been deposited separately since April 1.

Senior non-commissioned officers at several bases have warned the rank and file that is the first step

toward possible elimination of the assistance altogether.

An internal memo reminding those in uniform that the stipend, based on region and the economy, was meant only as a cushion against high cost.

A leaked memo said not to "include PLD as income when making financial commitments."

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Final. Flight



► Capt. Neil Prescott poses in front of a venerable Canadian Forces Hercules at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, on Monday before its last flight.

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Hercules' final voyage

It has been flying soldiers and all kinds of cargo to and from war zones around the world since the Beatles wanted to hold your hand. Now, the CC-130 Hercules-H, a Canadian air force mainstay, is making its last journey home from Afghanistan, where it has performed almost 10 years of service.

WikiLeaks doc shows bias: Muslim group

New WikiLeaks documents that describe a Montreal mosque as a terror hub are defamatory, says a local Muslim spokesman.

The newly leaked U.S. documents claim a Mauritanian terror suspect being held at Guantanamo Bay was the leader of a Montreal-based al-Qaida cell that planned terror attacks in the United States.

The secret documents, released by WikiLeaks on its website last weekend, also claim that members of al-Qaida were recruited and trained at Montreal's Al Sunnah Al Nabawiah Mosque, where the terror suspect served briefly, possibly as an imam.

But the chairman of the Muslim Council of Montre-

al said the documents serve as an example of how the community's institutions are unfairly targeted by authorities.

"Our allegations are certainly correct that we've been targeted and this is biased targeting," Salam Elmenyawi said in an interview.

"None of the information is based on evidence. It's rather based on intelligence analysis and this analysis has certainly ignored any other facts that contradicted the conclusion."

Elmenyawi said the documents defame the mosque and show a blatant bias against the Muslim community.

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The other brunette Kate

Yes, she really is Kate Middleton.

Kate Middleton, the Boston bicycle enthusiast, that is.

But that hasn't stopped the 32-year-old from being confused with the woman who is about to marry Prince William. Recently, Facebook accused the Boston Middleton of being an impostor and deleted her account. Various media reporters also keep showing up at ATA Cycle, a Concord, Massachusetts bicycling shop where she works, and asking her to speak in a British accent.

"I'm really not interested in pretending I'm British," said Middleton, who is originally from Louisville, Ky. "And I'm not really interested in pretending I'm the other Kate Middleton so I basically refused on all five

"Further evidence one doesn't really exist unless they are royalty ..."

KATE MIDDLETON TWEETED, AFTER FACEBOOK DELETED HER ACCOUNT AND UNTAGGED HER PHOTOS

requests to speak in a British accent."

The mix-up began in January after Middleton tried to log on to her Facebook account only to find out that the account had been suspended on suspicion of it being fake. She wrote Facebook an email and said that yes, her name was Kate Middleton and asked if could she have her account back.

"Will the real Kate Middleton please stand up?" she tweeted, after the Facebook deletion.

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► Kate Middleton, who shares the same name with the future bride of Prince William, poses in Concord, Mass., yesterday. Recently, Facebook accused the Boston Middleton of being an impostor and deleted her account.

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Cameras ready to roll at Abbey

► Royal wedding prep includes bomb checks, maple-tree planting and early spectators ► Police fear Islamist or Irish extremists could target ceremony

New flags went up, cleaning crews scrubbed down, police checked for explosives and two die-hard fans were already camping out.

Welcome to Westminster Abbey, ground zero for Britain's royal wedding frenzy.

Scores of police carefully examined the large temporary media structures that have gone up near the venerable abbey in central London, which will offer standing room for the thousands of journalists expected to cover Friday's



► Guen Murray

nuptials of Prince William and Kate Middleton.

Police slid mini-cameras inside piles of scaffolding pipes to make sure no bombs were hidden.

Workmen also delivered some surprising wedding floral decorations to

"Well, get wet."

GUEN MURRAY, 76, WHO IS CAMPING OUTSIDE THE ABBEY WITH HER TWO DAUGHTERS, WHEN ASKED WHAT SHE WILL DO IF IT RAINS

the abbey. Instead of flowers, five men hoisted an 18-year-old potted maple tree inside. In all, six field maples and two hornbeams will line the aisle leading up to the altar.

Streets in London were being sealed off so hundreds of troops from the city's Wellington and Hyde Park Barracks could

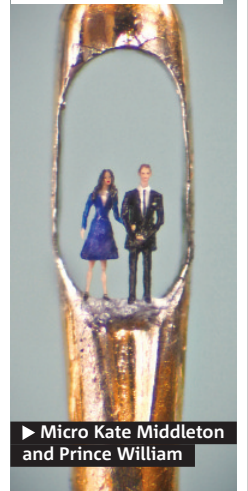
participate in a pre-dawn dress rehearsal this morning involving those expected to line the procession route.

Police plan to deploy around 5,000 officers to police the royal wedding procession, but Assistant Commissioner Lynne Owens appealed to the public yesterday to be on guard amid fears that Irish or Islamist extremists could target the ceremony.

"We really need you to be our eyes and our ears," Owens said.

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Squint. Sculpture



► Micro Kate Middleton and Prince William

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Standing in the eye of a needle

A micro-sculpture by artist Willard Wigan shows the royal wedding couple in an eye of a needle, on display at The Castle Gallery in Birmingham.

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Sniper victims lay scattered in Syria after raid

► Army killed at least 22 people in latest raid ► World leaders ask authoritarian to show 'restraint'

Residents of the southern Syrian city of Daraa braved sniper fire yesterday to pull the bullet-riddled bodies of the dead from the streets and hide them from security forces, a day after a brutal government crackdown on the popular revolt against President Bashar Assad, witnesses said.

As heavy gunfire reverberated through Daraa, a Syrian human rights group said authorities detained dozens of people across the country, mainly in several Damascus suburbs, includ-

ing the town of Douma and in the northern coastal city of Jableh.

The Syrian army, backed by tanks and snipers, killed at least 22 people in a raid launched before dawn Monday on Daraa, where the uprising began more than a month ago. Forces also conducted raids in the towns of Douma and Jableh.

World leaders expressed concern at the mounting bloodshed, with the United States starting to draw up sanctions against Assad, diplomats hoping to send a

strong signal to Damascus from the United Nations, and the prime minister of neighbouring Turkey telephoning the Syrian leader to urge restraint.

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400

A relentless crackdown since mid-March has killed more than 400 people across Syria, with 120 dead over the weekend, rights groups said.

Remembering. Chornobyl



► Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich, right, and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ring bells at a Chornobyl commemoration in Ukraine yesterday.

ANDRIY MOSIENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Defending nuclear power

Tough new guidelines could help prevent accidents like the massive Chornobyl meltdown, Russia's President Dmitry Medvedev said yesterday, defending nuclear energy during a solemn commemoration of the worst nuclear accident in history. Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich also took part in the service.

News in brief

Former pope to be blessed

BEATIFICATION. Blood taken from Pope John Paul II during his final hospitalization will be used as the official relic for veneration after he is beatified. With the statement, the Vatican put to rest questions about what relic would be presented in Sunday's ceremony. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

EU centre still divided

FALL. Belgium marked an anniversary yesterday, but no one is celebrating. One year ago, King Albert II accepted the resignation of the government. The search for a new governing coalition is still on. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Copper fever: Better than gold

► Demand for the hottest metal on the market is only going to get hotter as demand exceeds rare supply

More big miners are expected to follow the world's largest gold company into the copper sector as its price soars in response to China's growing hunger for the metal.

Canada's Barrick Gold Corp. took a bold step into copper on Monday with a friendly \$7.3-billion bid to acquire Equinox Minerals Ltd.

Copper is likely to hover at record prices for the next few years, because there isn't enough supply in the world to feed China's demand for the metal used in electric cables, cars, cellphones and trains, says Patricia Mohr, commodities specialist at Scotiabank.

"Copper is much more profitable than gold ... even with the record gold prices we've been seeing. That's why I've been calling copper the new gold."

PATRICIA MOHR, COMMODITIES SPECIALIST, SCOTIABANK

The price of copper closed at \$4.32 US yesterday on the Toronto stock exchange, below the record of \$4.60 set in February. But Mohr said copper is still bringing in "huge" profit margins of

70 per cent and more, compared to other metals, which bring in about 50 per cent.

Consolidation will inevitably see smaller players swept up as the major global miners look to get into the industry and diversify with little risk. The number of viable gold mines is thinning out, so gold miners have to look to other metals to grow their business.





Mohr said opportunities to buy smaller, established copper miners are rare, and with the price of copper so high, many companies could start bidding wars to get their hands on one.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Manitoba to invest \$1M in electric bus

The province is hoping the all-electric transit bus will one day be used all over North America. Premier Greg Selinger says Manitoba aims to be a leader in developing electric vehicles to help cut greenhouse-gas emissions. The prototype bus will be ready in 12 months and will be tested for two years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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► Sony unveils its S1, left, and S2 prototype tablets in Tokyo yesterday.

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Sony Corp. is planning a tablet computer it promises will make the best of its "saku saku," or nifty, technology that allows for smooth access to on-line content and for getting browsers working almost instantly.

The tablet, code-named S1, comes with a 24-centimetre touch panel similar to Apple's

iPad for enjoying online content and for email and social networking.

Sony also has an S2 prototype, a smaller mobile device with two 14-centimetre displays that can be folded like a book.

Both run on Android 3.0. The release date is in September, Sony said, but there's no word on prices. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Is 'the wedding' really worth it?



As most British firms have declared Friday a national holiday, some businesses — pubs, flag-makers, sun-screen manufacturers — look set to profit. But that's likely to be at the expense of other firms, analysts say.

High up in the sourpuss league is the Confederation of British Industry. It calculates that bank holidays

cost the British economy \$9.4 billion a time.

The Trades Union Congress, by contrast, claims it's a mere \$1.5 billion.

Firmly on the side of the optimists is David Buik of brokers BGC Partners, who reckons the loosened purse strings could have a rolling effect into the summer.

The tourism gains could be significant. Visit Britain reckons \$1.4 billion could be generated. Some of that will come in from overseas,

but some of it will be Britons spending money in London that they might otherwise have spent in their own communities.

What about the costs of the wedding itself? Experts put it at \$15.7 million. Police costs are hard to guess, but a guide might be the Pope's visit: \$6.2 million.

That figure assumes gangs of anti-royalists don't smash up the capital in anarchic rage. Don't say it couldn't happen.

Shop talk

► The British Retail Consortium says the extra spending will be a drop in the ocean compared to the \$447 billion Britons spent in shops last year. "It's a modest amount of good news," says the BRC's Richard Dodd.

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I am Canadian. Thanks to a certain beer commercial, you already know what that means. I vote with my heart since my head is only good for parking one of those hats with earflaps. When I was very young, I voted NDP. Then, one day I got tired of wasting my vote, so I voted for Pierre Trudeau, even though he thought the West was something you flew over on the way to visit Margaret's parents in Vancouver.

Even though he flipped off Prairie farmers and launched the National Energy Program, which is why no Liberals get elected in Alberta to this day.

I had a brief moment of remorse and voted for Joe Clark, the favourite son of High River, Alta. But as Progressive a Conservative as Joe was, he was still a long way from Ed Broadbent.

So I went back and wasted my vote for another couple of elections. Don't blame me for Brian Mulroney. I voted NDP. Then I surprised myself and voted for Kim Campbell, even if she was going out with a guy who was trying to sell running shoes with springs in them. Of course, she was crushed by the Little Guy/petit gars from Shawinigan, and so at the next available opportunity, I went Little Guy, even though there was really nothing little about him. Especially his ego. By the time Jean Chrétien was ushered off the stage, I had settled into a Liberal voting pattern, which is probably where my heart belongs. I grew up in the geographical centre of Canada, Winnipeg, and from there, you can see both sides. Winnipeg elects a lot of Liberals, who can also see both sides."

which is probably where my heart belongs. I grew up in the geographical centre of Canada, Winnipeg, and from there, you can see both sides. Winnipeg elects a lot of Liberals, who can also see both sides.

Liberals are often accused of riding the fence, and that was certainly Paul Martin's problem — he spent his brief reign impaled on a picket, but I voted for him anyway.

So here we go again.

Stephen Harper? Can't sing. Never trust anyone who is a semi-tone flat but insists on singing in public anyway. Karaoke hog.

Jack Layton? Can't count. If we give him the keys to the Canadian economy, he will take it for a joyride until it runs out of gas.

Elizabeth May? Can't get elected. It's like voting Rhinoceros, just not as much fun.

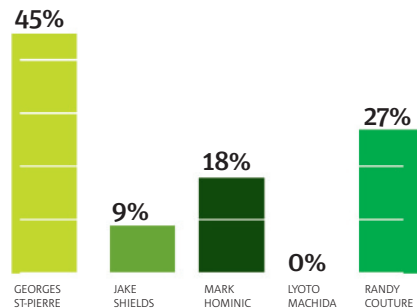
My heart says to vote for Michael Ignatieff, who is one of the most well-educated guys ever to run for prime minister, but I guess summa cum laude doesn't get you to Sussex Drive.

I am Canadian. It doesn't really matter if my choice wins. What matters is that I vote, because I can.



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Who is the best-looking UFC fighter on Saturday's card for UFC 129 in Toronto?



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We asked:
Turnout in
Canadian elec-
tions can be

quite low. What's a reason
you wouldn't vote?

- ▶ @megelizah: I don't like the choices & I don't just want to pick the one I dislike the least ... So maybe I'll just spoil my ballot?
- ▶ @brittanymaria: Informed voting and political engagement is so important but I think many people feel alienated by the political parties.
- ▶ @stevequinton: I'm voting but if I didn't it

would be because politi-
cians are all elitist
a~holes. They only care
about their careers.

- ▶ @lor1b3nn3tt: frustration with who to vote for. & it would be nice to vote directly for our pm instead of the way we do it in Canada.
- ▶ @sandifink: There is never a reason good enough to not vote. It's our civic responsibility. #elxn41
- ▶ @confute: Always Voted. Always. @metroottawa Reason I wouldn't vote: Space aliens trapping me in a Carbonite prison orbiting Saturn. #elxn41

Letters

Re: Kids protest at Turk-
ish Embassy (Metro,
April 26)

TORONTO. It is appalling to read the spokesperson of the Council of Turkish Canadians call a protest against genocide denial "divisive" or qualify it as "hatemongering."

Lale Eskicioglu's own prejudices come to the fore when one contrasts her reaction to those of many Turks who, on April 24, 2011, held vigils across Turkey to commemorate the memory of the victims of the Armenian genocide and protest against their own government's denialist narrative.

GAREN MEGERTICHIAN

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Handing the keys over to a new generation

No more hieroglyphics. No more quill pen and inkwell. Now the mechanical typewriter may be on the endangered list.

The owners of the world's last remaining mechanical typewriter factory have shut the plant's doors because of declining orders, CBC News reports.

Godrej & Boyce Manufacturing Co. Ltd. has shuttered its facility in Mum-

bai, India, where, as recently as 2009, the company was making 12,000 mechanical typewriters per year.

"We are not getting many orders now," general manager Milind Dukle told India's Business Standard newspaper. "This might be the last chance for typewriter lovers."

Mechanical typewriters are prized in India for their ease, efficiency and durability. As many as 400 million Indians lack reliable electricity, so the devices were widely used in the courts and government bureaucracy.

The first commercial mechanical typewriter was produced in the U.S. in 1867. The devices pioneered the QWERTY keyboard layout that is now ubiquitous on personal computers and smartphones. ● METRO

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An idiot's guide to the Royals

► Who's who in the Windsor family? ► Here's everything you need to know

Position: Her Royal Highness, The Queen
Who? Became Queen at 25. Head of State for the U.K. and 15 other Commonwealth realms including Canada, patron of more than 600 charities, advises the government.
Scandal: Consistently dignified, although her dislike for Princess Di was made public.



Her Majesty the Queen



Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh

Position: Husband to The Queen
Who? Accompanies The Queen on her duties. Patron or president of 800-plus organizations.
Scandal: Infamous for embarrassing gaffes like asking an Aboriginal person whether they still throw spears on a state visit to Australia.

Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall

Position: Second wife of Prince Charles
Who? Married Charles in 2005, and supports him in his duties.
Scandal: Unglamorous but jolly second wife of Prince Charles.



Charles, Prince of Wales



Princess Anne



Prince Andrew, Duke of York



Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex



Diana, Princess of Wales

Position: Late ex-wife of Prince Charles.
Who? Hugely popular and glamorous, committed to her daring charity work with AIDS-sufferers and anti-land-mine organizations. Divorced Charles in 1996, died in 1997.



Position: The Queen's oldest son.
Who? Runs umbrella group of 20 charities, patron to 400.
Scandal: Had affair with his old flame Camilla Parker-Bowles, their intimate relationship revealed in phone call transcripts in which he said he wished he were her tampon.

Position: The Queen's only daughter
Who? Low-key but prolific. President of Save the Children, and patron of more than 320 organizations and charities. Has two children, Zara Philips and Peter Philips.



Zara Philips

Position: The Queen's middle son
Who? A Royal Navy helicopter pilot for 22 years.
Scandal: Nicknamed Randy Andy in the '80s for a string of glamorous girlfriends. Most recently his role as trade envoy is threatened by links to billionaire Jeffery Epstein convicted of underage sex.



Sarah Ferguson

Position: The Queen's youngest son
Who? An unacademic Cambridge graduate who left Royal Marines early to work in the theatre.
Scandal: Long rumoured to be gay. In 1986 his TV company produced embarrassing TV charity game show, It's a Royal Knockout.



Sophie, Countess of Wessex

Prince Harry



Position: Youngest son of Prince Charles
Who? Has trained as a tank commander, and currently training as a helicopter pilot with the army.
Scandal: General drunkenness, dressing as a Nazi at a fancy dress party.

Prince William



Position: Oldest son of Prince Charles
Who? Helicopter pilot for the RAF, has also followed in his mother's footsteps supporting homeless and AIDS charities.
Scandal: Relatively clean, although chastised for flying helicopter to friend's party.

Kate Middleton



Position: Fiancee of William
Who? Attractive royal bride-to-be. Worked for her parents' online party shop until her engagement.
Scandal: Allegedly her mother pushed her to attend St. Andrews University in order to meet her prince charming.

Princess Beatrice and Princess Eugenie



Position: Children
Who? Party-going student daughters often photographed falling out of high-society clubs.

Lady Louise and Viscount Severn



Position: Children
Who? Kept out of the media glare.



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Wedding tweets

Hopefully Kate and William's marriage will mark a new generation of royal marriages. Marriages in the previous generation are too-often far from happy. Three of Queen Elizabeth's four children have divorced.

Follow Wedding-bells Allison McGill as she tweets live from London before, during and after the royal nuptials on Friday at metronews.ca/royalwedding



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Perhaps you've heard, there's a wedding on Friday. But no, your invitation isn't lost in the mail or caught in a spam folder, you're just not on the list.

When Prince William and Kate Middleton walk down Westminster Abbey's storied aisle (where William's uncle Prince Andrew married Sarah Ferguson in 1986) to exchange "I do's" you'll be at home in your pyjamas watching it on TV with a

cup of tea in your hand and a crumpet at your side. The upside? You don't have to get them a wedding gift.

To prep for the pomp and circumstance I've selected a number of royal wedding movies to get you primed for the big day.

The name Marie Antoinette is synonymous with surplus and when little Ms. Let Them Eat Cake wed the Dauphin of France no expense was spared. Married by proxy a month before, she arrived at the site of the ceremonial wedding — at the Palace of Versailles no less — in a procession that included 48 carriages.

See a recreation of the exercise in excess in Sophia Coppola's 2006 film, *Marie Antoinette*. It may not get the details 100 per cent right, but if you want accuracy watch the History Channel.

Also torn from the history books is *The Duchess*, the story of the 17-year-old

Georgiana Cavendish (Keira Knightley), great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Diana, Princess of Wales, who weds the much older Duke of Devonshire (Ralph Fiennes).

Speaking of relatives, the life, love and marriage of Queen Victoria (Prince William is her fourth great-grandson) are detailed in *The Young Victoria*, starring Emily Blunt.

Despite being shot by soft candlelight for a glowing historical feel, *The Young Victoria* isn't Masterpiece Theatre. Accents and petticoats aside, this is a modern movie, with a modern sensibility, that mixes history, politics, romance, castle etiquette and back-room dealings into one frilly, appealing package.

In the realm of the unreal are two final reel royal weddings. Before Anne Hathaway started taking her clothes off in every movie she stars in, she was the wholesome star of *The*



► Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend star in *The Young Victoria*.

Princess Diaries. In PD2: *Royal Engagement*, her character, Princess Mia, must get married in order to become queen.

The most recent royal

wedding to hit screens happens in *Your Highness*, the medieval stoner comedy starring Natalie Portman and James Franco. Prince Fabious Franco

walks *Belladonna* (Zoëy Deschanel) down the aisle but the wedding is interrupted by an evil sorcerer.

Let's hope William and Kate have better luck.

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Wanna bet?

► British betting houses have all the odds on the royal wedding, from Kate's dress to the couple's first dance

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While many Brits are moaning and groaning over the cost of the Royal Wedding, Britain's top betting houses are giving even the most disgruntled taxpayer a chance to make some money off the big day.

The bets range from safer — the sex of William and Kate's first child — to a bit more outrageous (will Kate leave her prince at the altar?). If she does indeed play runaway bride, the payoff could be quite nice as betting house William Hill puts the odds of this at only 50:1.

Another royal long shot? That the couple will have their first dance to the Kings of Leon hit Sex on Fire, the odds of which



► Prince William and Kate Middleton

are only 50:1, according to William Hill. The safest bet is for You're Beautiful by James Blunt at 5:1 odds.

The tabloids won't be the only ones hoping for a slew of royal faux pas come April 29, even though the odds seem stacked against them.

Ladbrokes places the odds of the Queen wearing a black hat to wedding at only 25:1. Another bet says 14:1 that Kate will give birth to their first child in 2011, meaning she became pregnant before walking down the aisle (or had a very premature delivery).

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Learning to be animated

► Hayden Panettiere tells of the joys of acting out new things ► Starring in flick Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil



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With her latest movie, Hayden Panettiere may now boast that she's portrayed Little Red Riding Hood but the actress insists that's not where her interest in fairy-tale characters ends.

"Every girl would kill to play Cinderella or Sleeping Beauty or Snow White," said Panettiere during a recent phone interview from Manhattan. "There are infinite possibilities."

Best-known for her role on TV's Heroes, Panettiere leads an ensemble voice cast in Friday's release of the animated-sequel Hoodwinked Too! Hood Vs. Evil — an irreverent comedy that places Red Riding Hood as

a butt-kicking operative of the HEA (Happily Ever After) agency. When Hansel and Gretel mysteriously disappear, she heads out with her fabled family to rescue the missing tots.

in a very well-thought through way," said Panettiere. "It's one of those films where the humour will translate to kids and also to adults. Some jokes will probably go over kids' heads but the adults will definitely appreciate it."

No stranger to voice acting, Panettiere hit the stage at age four where she soon lent her vocal talents to such animated classics as 1998's A Bug Life and 2000's Dinosaur. In fact, while her other pursuits (she currently also stars in Scream 4) are taking off, the 21-year old star insists she'll always keep animation opportunities in mind.

"With voice-acting, it's this different kind of acting where you don't have to have your physical-



► Hayden Panettiere stars in Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil

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Hayden tells Metro her favourite joke.

► Quote: "I think the giant at some point says, 'who in the Mother Goose is

that?," explained Panettiere of her favourite gag in the film. "You get what it means but its twisted a little bit and these more fantasy-driven ways of explaining (dialogue) — it's clever!"

Fergie won't be X-Factor

► Black Eyed Peas star turns down offer to be judge on upcoming show

Although Fergie has a list of things she wants to tackle during her long-awaited hiatus from the Black Eyed Peas, being a judge on Simon Cowell's upcoming X-Factor show isn't one of them.

Recently there were reports that Cowell was considering the powerhouse singer for the Fox talent competition, which is due to debut in September. But in a recent interview, Fergie eliminated herself from contention.

"You know what? I think that it's a very committed job that you have to

put your time into and I don't think I'm gonna have that much time, but I love Simon and I would love to do something like that," she said. "It's right down my alley, but I just don't think I have enough time to give and I would want to give everything to those contestants."

Fergie is still touring with her Peas counterparts, but plans to wind things down.

"I'm gonna get more into my charities. Charity work. I'm excited to do more of that."

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► Fergie poses for a portrait in New York.

Foster defends Mel's character

Mel Gibson has had more ugly scandals than hit movies in the past five years, but longtime friend Jodie Foster still feels he's "the most beloved actor" in Hollywood.

Foster stuck by Gibson when he was reported to have made anti-Semitic and sexist slurs in 2006 and she's still defending him now that he's pleaded no contest after being charged with misdemeanor spousal battery for a fight he had with his then-girlfriend.

"I'm not defending his behaviour," she said in a recent interview. "I'm defending the man that I



► Jodie Foster and Mel Gibson

know. And I know he's kind and loyal and is an incredible professional. He's probably the most beloved actor of anybody I've ever worked with in the film business. And I don't say that lightly."

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Lindsay will work close to dead bodies

► Actress' community service to include doing time at Los Angeles coroner

While Lindsay Lohan is facing four months behind bars, she's also been ordered to complete 480 hours of community service — and 120 of those hours around dead bodies, according to People magazine.

Lohan will spend a portion of her community service time working for the Los Angeles coroner.

"She won't be handling any dead bodies but she'll certainly see them," coroner assistant chief Ed Winter tells the magazine.

Instead, Lohan will be handling janitorial tasks like emptying trash cans and cleaning floors and bathrooms. Lohan will serve her remaining 360 community service hours at a local women's shelter.

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"She won't be handling any dead bodies but she'll certainly see them."

ED WINTER, CORONER ASSISTANT



► Lindsay Lohan

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Douglas furious with press

Michael Douglas is proud of wife Catherine Zeta-Jones for discussing her bipolar disorder, but he wishes she didn't have to go through the public ordeal of it.

"I must say, Catherine's being quite open about it because she was outed, you know," Douglas tells Oprah Winfrey, referring to a National Enquirer sto-

ry about Zeta-Jones seeking treatment for the disease.

"She went to go get some help and some other patient probably in there said, 'Hey, you won't believe who's in here now.' And, so, once that happens, I think she felt [it] best to kind of get out the story."

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► Michael Douglas

Cage facing child abuse claims

After his wild night in New Orleans last week that led to his arrest, Nicolas Cage may also find himself investigated for child abuse, according to TMZ.

In the initial police report from Cage's arrest, his

wife, Alice Kim, says that Cage "fell while holding their son" during their argument.

"The fall caused the five-year-old to suffer a minor abrasion to his left knee."

A witness, however,

claims he saw, "Mr. Cage pull the male child to the ground by his hand."

The police report states that Kim would not let police interview her son after the incident.

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Talking points

Elton feels for royal couple

HATES THE PRESS Elton John is thrilled for Prince William and Kate Middleton as their wedding approaches, but he also knows they have a tough road ahead.

"Let's face it. We know what that kind of marriage entails. The press never leave you alone," he says during an interview with Good Morning America.

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Aguilera tries to get past flub

A BAD JOKE Christina Aguilera is doing her best to get passed her infamous Super Bowl gaffe, during which she sang the wrong lyrics during the Star-Spangled Banner.

"That night I knew, I just made myself a Trivial Pursuit question," she tells Ellen DeGeneres. "In 2011, what female singer, ya know, flubbed the lyrics. It's just insane. But I have a



Celebrity tweets



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ing because a pap almost drove me off the road if he hit us we would of ended up in the er"

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"Tina Fey, 5 months pregnant at 40 not showing and

no one knew - boy, when she does a Sarah Palin impression, she really commits!

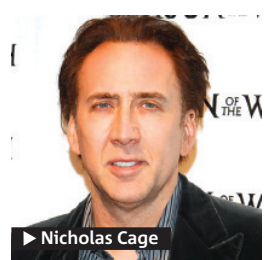
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"There is a dog in another apartment who sounds like he's warming up for the opera me-me-me-me"

really good laugh about it and you get over things. You get back up again and you just prove to yourself and to everyone you're that much stronger."

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Travel in brief



Some of the best pictures from the news in 2010, including award-winning images from Haiti and the Gulf oil spill, are going on display at the Newseum in Washington.

The Pictures of the Year exhibit opens Friday with nearly 70 images. The Newseum says it includes Lady Gaga's first appearance in a Washington museum. There are also images from the Winter Olympics, flood-ravaged Pakistan and the front lines in Afghanistan.

The museum about news created the exhibit with the Pictures of the Year International contest at the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism.

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Presley, Ali photos tell stories of two American icons at Pennsylvania museum



► The cold waters of the Pacific teem with colour and life under the surface in British Columbia. Some of the most beautiful parts of the province lie under the surface of the ocean, say divers, who come from around the world to explore the colourful marine life and underwater creatures that call the Pacific home.

Go explore B.C.'s underwater wonders

► Canada's West Coast beauty is not limited to forests and mountains ► The water may be cold, but it's worth it

From a crevice on the ocean floor, the prehistoric-looking face of a wolf eel emerges from the darkness, all bulging eyes and warts bobbing toward the camera.

Most divers off the coast of British Columbia consider an encounter with these pucker creatures one of the highlights of plying the waters off the West Coast of Canada. Sometimes called the "puppies" of the sea, described as among the friendliest creatures to be encountered in the wild, eager to cuddle at popular dive sites where they have become accustomed to visitors from above the surface.

"They look mean, they look ugly but, just as long as you're careful, you can actually go and touch them, they will snuggle with you," says Paul Kennell, creator of CoolDives.com, a website dedicated to diving off the B.C. coast.

If you go ...

- Tourism British Columbia's website (hellobc.com) includes information on diving in the province, diving tours and practical tips for planning a vacation.
- CoolDives.com has information and online bookings for scuba diving trip.
- Dive.BC.ca is another website that has great information, photos and videos to help plan a trip.

"They're funny looking things but they're pretty gentle, generally."

Kennell, 47, of White Rock, B.C., has explored oceans around the world in his 15 years of diving but reserves his best reviews for his home waters. The tropics are warmer, says Kennell, "but the diving is also nowhere near as exciting."

Lore has it that famed underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau proclaimed the waters off the coast of British Columbia the best cold-water diving in the world. Scuba Diving Magazine readers chose B.C. the No. 1 diving site in North America last year.

"The diving around B.C. is amongst the best in the world," agrees Greg Dombowsky, curator of Dive.BC.ca and author of the Divers Guide Vancouver Island South.

The waters off the B.C. coast boast the giant Pacific octopus, the biggest sea stars and forests of giant sponges. Under the surface, the water teems with a rainbow of life, including anemones, sea cucumbers and coral.

"There isn't a square inch of rock that you can touch that doesn't have colour on it," says Kennell.

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► B.C. was voted the No. 1 diving site in North America last year by readers of Scuba Diving Magazine.

The forgotten National Park

► Waterton Lakes National Park in Alberta has the beauty of Jasper and Banff without the huge crowds

When it comes to tourist destinations, Waterton Lakes National Park may very well be Canada's best-kept secret.

Tucked away in the southwestern corner of Alberta, 180 kilometres from Calgary, Waterton attracts just 400,000 visitors a year despite the fact it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, an International Peace Park and a Biosphere Reserve.

There are wildflowers and wildlife galore and the snowcapped Rocky Mountains suddenly rise out of the rolling Prairies as you arrive.

Waterton was Canada's fourth national park, created in 1895 and named after Waterton Lake. The lake is named after Victorian naturalist and conserva-

If you go ...

- Waterton is 180 kilometres southwest of Calgary. If you are driving from the Calgary International Airport head south on Highway 2 down to Cardston. Turn right on Highway 5 and the road takes you directly to the park.
- The Wildflower Festival runs June 18 to 26; watertonwildflowers.com
- The Wildlife Festival runs September 23 to 25; trailofthegreatbear.com.

tionist Charles Waterton. The park contains 505 square kilometres of rugged mountains and wilderness and is seriously off the beaten path.

"When I first moved to Alberta and moved to Wa-

terton, nobody knew where it was and that includes people in Calgary. I would do trade shows. I was selling Waterton because nobody knew where it was," said Shameer Suleman, vice-president of the Waterton Chamber of Commerce.

The one thing that Waterton offers that Banff, Lake Louise and even Jasper National Parks cannot is peace and quiet.

That means it is the perfect getaway, especially for those wanting to spend time in a more tranquil setting.

"When I'm talking to a potential employee, I say it's what Banff was 30 or 40 years ago or Whistler was 30 or 40 years ago," said Suleman.

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► Cameron Lake in Waterton Lakes National Park. Waterton attracts 400,000 visitors a year and is a favourite location for hikers.



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Meet the locals in Prague

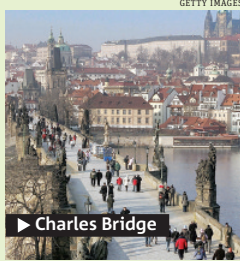


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METRO WORLD NEWS IN PRAGUE

Prague is the heart of Europe and you can feel its vibrancy in every step you take. It's a great place for lovers to take a romantic trip, admire and learn about the culture and enjoy nice dinners by the river-side. It's also the place to be if you like nothing more than a good party, especially if you are a fan of beer... we Czech are very proud of our beer. I am always drawn back to my city.

First time?

First things first, get yourself to the centre of town, over to the Old Town Square, Staroměstské Náměstí. On the façade of the Old Town Hall is the medieval Astronomical clock, then walk across Charles Bridge, one of the most romantic sites in the city. Spend the afternoon touring the castle where the crown jewels are displayed as well the beautiful baroque Church of St. Nicholas directly be-



► Charles Bridge

low. There is also a nice shopping street called Pařížská where you'll find all the high-end stores including Louis Vuitton.



► Prague is full of laid-back locals who enjoy their beer.

Eat

Sasazu (sasazu.com) is by far the best Asian restaurant I have ever eaten at and I've lived in Paris, so I know my food! It's a little far out but you have to try it. Go on a Friday or Saturday night as there's a club right next door with amazing live gigs. In the summer I go for Zelená Zahrada (zelenazahrada.eu) on Šmilovského street to take advantage of their sunny terrace.



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You'd almost think you were somewhere in the middle of the Australian outback, but acres of sand, leaping lizards and miles of cacti are only as far as trendy Scottsdale, Ariz.

It was amazing to discover only a few minutes walk behind Scottsdale's upscale Four Season's ho-

tel lies a whole other barren world. More than 200,000 tourists visit this wild area every year, to scale the rocky desert mountain known as Pinnacle Peak. Believe me, this is no easy task, especially when it's 30C in the shade!

On the way up, I encountered wild desert jack rabbits, lizards galore and even spotted the elusive javelina pig that is well known to the desert locals. After hiking straight uphill for more than an hour, I found myself out of breath and a bit embarrassed, when a group of seniors suddenly jogged by me without so much as a gasp.

The pinnacle hike is worth the effort though, if only for the million dollar panoramic view of the desert. Feeling emboldened by my brush with nature, my next adventure was nothing short of a blast – literally.

Desert Wolf adventures offers truly the most spectacular back-road tour I've ever been on. They actually trusted me to drive my own custom desert dune buggy called a Tomcar, through some of the bumpiest, roughest, downright gut churning terrain a city boy has ever experienced.

These remote desert roads – if you can call

them that – are so full of giant potholes and giant boulders, it's like an extended roller coaster ride.

Way out in the middle of the desert we visited an ancient Indian fort, high a top a bluff, with a view of hundreds of famous Saguaro cactus almost resembling an army below us.

These strange giant cacti are so rare and valuable, that a full grown one can fetch thousands of dollars. But out here in the heart of the Senoran desert they stood proud and plentiful as far as the eye could see. This sight alone is worth the trip to Arizona's outback.



► Taking a drive in a desert dune buggy is a great way to spend an afternoon in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Stay in

I love the music-themed Hotel Aria. You can be in the mood for anything from Billy Joel to Beyoncé. Coda, the hotel's restaurant, is worth spending one night 'in' for. It's also right around the corner from St Nicholas Cathedral. (ariahotel.net)

Go out

Prague has cool bars to go to and funky parties going on at all times. After dinner at Sasazu I recommend you try out an interesting bar called Druhé Patro (2patro.cz). It's more like a big apartment with a bar



► Clubbing in Prague.

and a small stage. It often has good DJs and it's the perfect place to ease yourself into the evening.

Don't be afraid when you walk in to the building. It looks like you're going to someone's apartment, but there really is a bar on that second floor.

All the fun people finish the night at Aloha (alohapraha.cz), a small place in a little street just behind Pařížská.

If you are at a loss for where to move on next, there are two good clubs, Roxy (roxy.cz), or Radost (radostfx.cz) depending on your mood (or the queue) that night.

Been there before?

Immerse yourself in local life. What better way to do so than by meeting some Czech people — we are really nice! Hanging out with locals is the best way to get to know a culture, so go to a typi-

cal Czech bar, known as 'hospoda', drink good beer and make some friends. From there, I would go and have a typically Czech dinner of Bohemian cabbage pancakes or potato soup at Kolkovna, (kolkovna.cz). If ever you need a back up, great traditional food is also served at Potrefená husa' (potrefenahusa.cz).



► Relax with a beer.

Shopping!

All the high-end stores are on a street called Pařížská, but I get a lot of my clothes from a Czech designer called Denisa Nová (denisanova.cz). Her shop is on a little street called Náprstkova by the river and close to Charles Bridge. I love her style, classic and comfortable, yet very elegant. There is also a cheap shop called Diva (Mikuladská 2), that I love. They call in designer pieces from across the country and sell them at reasonable prices. It's a small shop, but has some amazing finds.

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This Salmon with Pesto and Cream Cheese is an easy and delicious way to serve salmon.

I prefer to use homemade pesto, which has fewer calories and less fat

than store-bought pesto.

Preparation:

1 Preheat the oven to 425°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and lightly coat with cooking spray.

2 For the pesto, place all the ingredients in the

bowl of a food processor and purée until smooth. Add more water if too thick.

3 Combine the cream cheese and pesto in a small bowl until smooth.

4 Make a small vertical slit on the top of each salmon fillet to within 1/4 inch of each end and about 1/2 inch deep.

Stuff each fillet by dividing the pesto filling between the 6 fillets.

5 Arrange spinach, cucumber and olives on a large serving platter. Top with roasted vegetables.

6 Place on the prepared baking sheet and bake for 10 minutes per inch of thickness. Garnish with toasted nuts before serving.

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 lb salmon fillet, cut into 6 fillets (about 4 oz. each)
- 1/4 cup low-fat cream cheese (about 2 oz), softened
- 2 Tbsp pesto
- 2 Tbsp toasted pine nuts (or almonds)

Pesto

- 1 cup fresh basil leaves
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 Tbsp toasted pine nuts
- 2 Tbsp light cream cheese, softened
- 1 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 3 Tbsp chicken stock (or vegetable stock or water)
- 2 Tbsp olive oil

Warm Spinach Salad



This salad must be served warm so the cheese softens over the warmed mushrooms.

go in a serving bowl. Pour dressing over salad and toss. Serve immediately. **ROSE REISMAN**

Preparation:

1 Lightly coat a nonstick skillet with cooking spray and sauté mushrooms over medium heat for about 8 minutes, or just until no longer wet and slightly browned. Keep warm.

2 Prepare dressing by whisking olive oil, balsamic vinegar, mayo, honey, garlic, mustard, salt and pepper.

3 Place spinach, sautéed mushrooms and Asia-

Ingredients:

Salad

- 3 cups oyster mushrooms, sliced in half
- 8 cups baby spinach
- 1/2 cup shredded Asiago (or Parmesan) cheese

Dressing

- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 1 Tbsp light mayonnaise
- 2 tsp honey
- 1/2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 tsp Dijon mustard
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CANADIANS LOVE THEIR REWARDS CARDS

So much so that it is estimated that 94% of us are enrolled in some type of loyalty program, according to market researcher Colloquy.

These programs encourage or 'reward' shoppers for their continued patronage or 'loyalty', in the form of discounts or points that may be redeemed against a variety of goods and services. They also enable the retailer to track their customers'

preferences and trends.

There are a great number and variety of programs, and the list is constantly growing. From specialized credit cards, to retail and grocery club cards, to free refill cards at local cafés, it seems that everyone is vying for loyalty.

Geoff Dillon, a senior director at CIBC says "Certainly one of the trends we're seeing is that people increasingly are focused on value, and they want to earn as many rewards as possible, but particularly on things they buy every day." CIBC's AeroGold card lets you accumulate 1.5 Aeroplan miles for every dollar you spend at gas, grocery and drugstores.

The key to the success of a number of

these programs lies in advances in information technology. Companies are experimenting with new, compelling, high-tech methods to deliver reward programs. LoyaltyOne, the parent company of Air Miles, has just released a new mobile app for the iPhone, explains spokesperson Jeff Fredericks. "The mobile app allows you to find sponsors on the fly, check in to those sponsor locations and see what the best deals are. That has been a tremendous success for us so far."

At the same time, redeeming reward points can help stretch the budget. "We certainly saw during the downturn, that folks were turning to their reward programs to stretch that dollar further,"

says Fredericks. "And, it just makes sense. There are a number of reward items like gift certificates for example, that people were taking advantage of during the tough times."

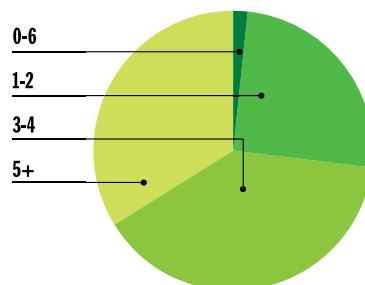
Today, there are myriad ways to redeem accumulated points. For example, Royal Bank Avion cardholders can use their points at a rate of 100 points per dollar to book a trip, hotel, or car rental. The Sears Choice Rewards Program allows customers to earn one point for every dollar spent on eligible purchases using the Sears MasterCard. A common trend is to bundle rewards through partnerships between retailers that allow shoppers to swap their points.

— By Duncan McAllister

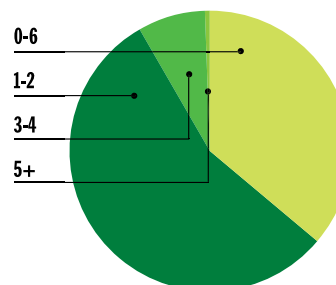
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REWARDS BY THE NUMBERS



CARD FILES

More than 75% of consumers today have at least one loyalty card. It is estimated that one third of all shoppers have two or more cards, according to Jupiter Research.

According to a recent Leger survey, more than 80% of women belong to more than one loyalty program compared to only 69% of men, and one in four women carry at least five loyalty cards.

A Maritz marketing study found that shoppers who are young, female, with children under 18 years, are likely to carry a rewards card.



FLYER PROGRAMS

The airline industry is credited with innovating the frequent flier plans, which were the models for most modern loyalty programs, with American Airlines being one of the first in 1981.

The Air Miles reward program is Canada's largest loyalty program, founded in 1992, with more than 10 million active collector accounts, representing approximately two-thirds of all Canadian households. Air Miles can be earned at more than 100 different sponsors with a thousand different rewards to be redeemed.

In 2009, Aeroplan issued over 2.1 million rewards to its members, including 1.5 million flights on Air Canada and Star Alliance carriers. Aeroplan was originally Air Canada's frequent flyer program created in 1984.



SPENDING HABITS

Loyalty shoppers spend more money, according to a study by marketing group Maritz. They found that consumers who are enrolled in loyalty programs tend to spend more money than non-members.

Loyalty programs increase merchants' sales. In one study, it was found that a popular "baby club" was responsible for increased sales of baby products by 25% on average over six months. It also increased the amounts purchased and increased store traffic by 5%.

Almost every Canadian gas station offers some type of rewards program, such as Canadian Tire money and Petro-Canada's Petro-Points.



WHAT'S NEW

Technology is the leading enabler of rewards programs. Vendors such as RewardMe and FourSquare use QR codes, the popular, square-shaped barcodes that customers scan with their iPhone and Android after they have made a purchase, to collect rewards.

Manufacturers are getting on the rewards bandwagon with promotions that allow you to enter a code from specially marked packages and products into their websites to collect rewards.

Programs are more flexible than ever. Companies like Charity Choice allow you to redeem your points towards any of a 100 different charities from a wide range of rewards programs. Also, the Marriott Hotel Rewards program allows you to donate points to benefit the recent Japan tragedy.

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OPTIONS AROUND FOR CLOTHING AND HOUSEWARES



Rewards programs for clothing and home furnishings used to operate like the Price is Right: you'd gain your credits and then have to spend them on whatever the store put into its Showcase Showdown. Now, it's more Who Wants to Be a Millionaire: turn points into gift cards to spend where you want.

"People prefer to go into the store and look at the 25 different kinds of toasters we may have, rather than one you'd have on the site," explains Stephanie Thornbury of the Hudson Bay Company. "They tend to redeem them for the gift cards."

She says most customers save up HBC Rewards for big ticket items like washers and dryers, but often treat themselves – or treat others at birthdays and Christmas – on the way with smaller items like coffee machines or gift cards for restaurants like Montana's or Swiss Chalet. HBC owns the Bay, Zellers, Home Outfitters and Fields, and its programs connect across the stores.

Like other credit-card tied products, the Royal Bank of Canada's deal with Visa lets members turn points into gift cards to save at retail outlets.

Andrea Shaikin, manager of RBC Rewards, says their program partners with Future Shop, Golf Town, Starbucks and others to allow customers to turn points into savings.

"People are very fond of the gift cards and being able to turn your points into a shopping trip or a gift for someone – that's grown about 20 per cent, year over year, the last two or three years," she says. "Our most popular ones are on the retail side – department stores or gas."

Turning RBC points into pre-set catalogue items like bedding, kitchen appliances and gadgets are a pragmatic way to cash in. RBC Rewards points are still primarily collected through Visa, but Shaikin says they've added a personal deposit account at the bank which can also add points. – *By Jon Tattrie*

CANADIAN TIRE MONEY

In the 1950s, Canadian Tire co-founder A.J. Billes noticed oil companies had started giving their customers toasters and dishes and he decided to offer his customers Canadian Tire money along with their regular change. The first dollar was printed in 1958. By 1961, it was printed on the same paper as regular money and now comes with many of the same anti-counterfeiting technologies. This makes it harder to fake – and makes customers reluctant to throw away bills that feel like the real thing.

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POINTS FOR JOINING

After more than a decade, cashing in PC points is still the quickest, easiest, and most fun part of being a President's Choice Financial services customer.

PC points can be redeemed for many things such as (but not limited to): Free groceries, flowers, gift cards, cosmetics, Joe Fresh Style fashions; electronics and patio furniture. They can even be donated to President's Choice Children's Charity. Customers redeem their points right at the check-out at participating supermarkets

where President's Choice products are sold.

Customers earn 10 PC points for every dollar spent on purchases anywhere the PC MasterCard is accepted, and five PC points for every dollar spent with the PC Financial bank card



at participating stores where President's Choice products are sold. They can first redeem at the 20,000-point level (equivalent to a \$20 purchase), or higher amounts in further 10,000 point increments. There's no limit to how many PC points a customer can build up, and they never expire.

More earning opportunities can be found on the PC points Facebook page. Customers who 'like' the popular page

(with over 55,000 fans and counting) can discover—and inquire about—various new contests and promotions. The page recently announced a three-day '10x Spring Ahead Event,' allowing customers spending \$100 or more at selected Real Canadian Superstore locations to earn 10 times their usual PC points when using their PC Financial Mastercard or bank card.

Facebook wasn't around 10 years ago, but once it got big, PC Financial services got onboard. The PC points page is just one more example of the company listening to its customers, then adapting to their needs. That philosophy will serve it well in next the 10 years, too—bank on it.

CHARGE, EARN, REDEEM

THIS YEAR MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PRESIDENT'S CHOICE FINANCIAL MASTERCARD IN CANADA.

Since 2001, Canadians have been using their cards for everyday purchases and earning PC points at the same time. The more they use their cards, the more PC points they earn—it's easy.

A lot of things come easy to PC Financial MasterCard holders. They receive their first 20,000 PC points in the form of coupons (equiva-

lent to \$20) just for signing up; if they sign up online, they'll earn an additional 5,000 PC points. They also enjoy a low balance transfer rate of 0.97% for six months. And when they need to pay for a product or service at places that don't accept credit cards, they can use a personalized cheque, orderable for free from PC Financial.

Cardholders save money with no annual fee. They can also save paper: Instead of having statements mailed each month, PC Financial Mastercard holders can register for electronic statements, available online at PC Financial's website; receiving e-alerts when statements are ready, and, optionally, when they're due.

All credit card information is secure. Cardholders can quickly review summaries of their accounts and recent transactions anytime at www.pc-financial.ca, logging in with a password. Cardholders can also receive up to four additional cards on their PC Financial MasterCard accounts, personalized for family members, free of

charge. For added protection, new and reissued cards come with a microchip built in.

Redeeming PC points is a snap, as always. All cardholders have to do is present their PC Financial MasterCard at the check-out at participating stores where PC products are sold,

then tell the cashier they're redeeming their PC points. This is the simplicity that's kept the PC Financial MasterCard popular with Canadians for a decade and counting.

WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE?

President's Choice Financial services is celebrating 10 years of its PC Financial MasterCard in Canada—starting with a contest destined to make 10 winners very happy. The 'Become a PC points Millionaire' contest, running until May 30, 2011, will see 10 Canadians receive one million PC points each, joining the approximately 2,200 Canadians with a points balance of one million or more. A point total that high can be redeemed for \$1,000 of free groceries, fashions, or almost any other item sold at participating Loblaw Companies Limited stores.

Existing cardholders, those wishing to apply for a PC Financial MasterCard or Canadians interested in joining the PC points millionaire club are eligible to enter the contest. Visit www.pcpointscontest.ca for details.

A BANK WITHOUT BRANCHES

Designed by Loblaw Companies Limited, President's Choice Financial provides customers with account access via Internet, telephone or bank machine—24 hours a day, seven days a week. Its banking services are provided by CIBC, saving money on overhead and passing it along to customers through the elimination of daily banking fees.

For PC Financial customers, everyday banking is a chance to earn 'PC points,' redeemable toward free groceries and thousands of other rewards in-store. Customers can also earn PC points by shopping with their PC Financial MasterCard, provided by President's Choice Bank. Both PC Financial MasterCard and PC points accounts can be accessed online.



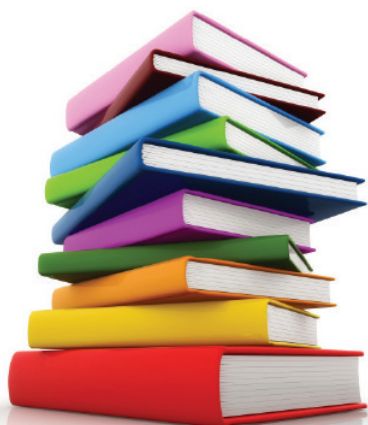
ENTERTAINMENT IS A PERSONAL THING, AND SO ARE LOYALTY PROGRAMS.

"At Indigo Books and Music, people want to be rewarded for everything they purchase from us," says Jennifer Hale, VP, Loyalty & CRM. "Our response is 'plum rewards.'"

The same is true for SCENE, the loyalty program offered jointly by Cineplex and Scotiabank. Members make purchases with a SCENE card (there are several kinds), earning points and redeeming them for movie tickets and much more.

Like SCENE, HMV Canada's "purehmv" program serves an active membership. "Our members are all passionate about entertainment, but their spending habits vary," says Benjamin Sadeh, manager, customer rewards. "So we created a range of redemption options. We have items valued as low as 3,500 points and as high as 1.2 million."

What members want, members get. — *By Chris Edwards*



1. Figure out which programs you're more likely to use. Line them up with your interests.
2. Spend strategically. Use a few loyalty programs otherwise your points will accumulate slowly.
3. Look for cards with bonus point promotions.
4. Make sure your annual credit card fees aren't more than what you redeem your points for.
5. Charge all your monthly expenses, including if you can, utility bills, insurance payments, rent or even your mortgage payment.
6. Offer to use your card to purchase big ticket items for family or friends to earn the rewards.

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The Plum Rewards logo is located in the bottom right corner. It features the word "plum" in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font, followed by a small trademark symbol (TM). Below "plum" is the word "rewards" in a larger, lowercase, sans-serif font, colored in a light purple or lavender shade. At the very bottom of the logo, the tagline "ENRICH YOUR LIFE™" is written in a small, white, uppercase, sans-serif font.

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"Chrysler Group and its brands do not tolerate inappropriate language or behaviour, and apologize to anyone who may have been offended by this communication."

So read Chrysler's press release following the dismissal of an employee at its public relations firm who mistakenly tweeted on Chrysler's account that no one in Detroit knows how to drive.

In many respects, that example signals a growing trend: employees tweeting "casually" about their lives not realizing that what they say on Twitter has workplace-related consequences. Here are some common areas of concern.

* Spending an inordinate amount of time using Twitter at work for non-business-related purposes

is tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can be cause for dismissal.

* Comments posted on Twitter can link the author to her employer, even though no connection is intended. Contact information on Twitter accounts often includes a place of work, and therefore employees who tweet objectionable or defamatory material may be mistakenly perceived as having done so for their employer, which is exactly what happened in the Chrysler case above. Because of this, employers have a right to monitor their employees' tweets, even when they are made outside of business hours.

* Criminal laws can also be invoked if employees harass or intimidate co-workers through Twitter. These employees can end up surfacing the classifieds for a criminal defence lawyer, as well as for a new job. Further, since courts have used blog or Facebook posts as grounds to uphold discipline, they will have little difficulty construing tweets in the same manner.

DANIEL LUBLIN IS AN EMPLOYMENT LAWYER WITH WHITTEN & LUBLIN LLP. HIS FULL ARTICLE CAN BE READ ONLINE AT METRONEWS.CA

► WWF's Green CommUnity program is handing out up to \$5,000 in grant money to any school willing to prioritize our planet

Helping green dreams come true

WWF is helping to grow young environmental leaders across Canada with its Green CommUnity School Grants Program, made possible by Loblaw Companies Limited. With six rounds of funding over three years, schools can apply each spring and winter season through 2012 for grants of up to \$5,000 for anything and everything from a bicycle repair shop to a biodiversity garden. The program is open to any student or teacher with a green dream for their school or community.

Looking for some inspiration for what your school can do? Chances are you don't need to look any further than your own community. These grants have funded 59 projects to date in communities small and large, from P.E.I. to the Northwest Territories.

Hampton High in New Brunswick, for example, created a sustainable fish-



► Initiatives are popping up in every province. Jump on the bandwagon and do your part!

ing and angling club. Teacher and project lead Hardy Cameron calls it an education in sustainability using fishing as the hook to engage students.

Projects are springing up in Canada's western provinces as well. Tom Baines School in Calgary, Alberta, has done some

amazing work since deciding to perform a garbage audit a few months ago. The audit showed where the school could improve its current recycling program and the grant will help purchase super-sorter, multi-compartment bins that allow more effective separation of plastics, paper and bottles or cans.

For Ryan Morgan, the teacher leading this green initiative, the project isn't just about garbage reduction. It is also a tool to educate students, parents and teachers about the problems of excessive consumption and waste.

With a truly "green" take on WWF's Green Com-

mUnity School Grants Program, Peacock Collegiate in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan created an interactive educational vegetable garden. The garden will expand the learning and life opportunities for students with sensory and special needs, at-risk students and teen moms, by addressing hunger and providing education on healthy organic foods. The learning garden has become much more than schooling – it's literally a way of life for this prairie community. WWF's grant provided funds for what's needed to prepare and plant the site and set it up, but the real elbow grease came from the students giving their time to the project, participating from seed to table.

Another great result of the Green CommUnity School Grants Program sprouts directly from its source.

The program is supported by partial proceeds from Loblaw Companies' national charge-for-plastic shopping bag program, which both funds green initiatives and helps reduce the number of plastic shopping bags in landfills.

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Go ahead, apply!

Apply for a Green CommUnity School Grant online at wwf.ca/greencommunity-grants.

- Schools can apply for up to \$5,000.
- Deadline for the next round of funding is: October 2011.
- Winners will be announced in: December 2011..



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Nine-to-five sans dough

► Book paints a bleak portrait of the world of unpaid internships ► Shows little to no regulation of process

Charlie Sheen's tweet for an intern summoned 82,148 people hoping to serve the warlock.

As internships go, at least it's a paid gig with a real job description: eight weeks helping the actor with social media at \$10 an hour.

That's more than many interns get, said Ross Perlin, who leaps into the fray over internships in a new book, *Intern Nation: How to Earn Nothing and Learn Little in the Brave New Economy* (Verso Books).

"The Charlie Sheen thing, it's the most competitive internship ever," Perlin told The Associated Press in an interview. "The most sought after, and it sort of beautifully sums up the absurdity of what's going on with this

'A fascinating and overdue exposé,' Benjamin Kunkel



HOW TO EARN NOTHING AND LEARN LITTLE
IN THE BRAVE NEW ECONOMY
ROSS PERLIN

incredible explosion of internships."

Perlin views the competition for internships among college kids and even jobless grads and high schoolers, as not only absurd, but even legally

questionable when measured against labour laws governing internships.

Perlin, himself a paychequeless but satisfied intern a few years ago, estimates that roughly one to two million people take the resumé-burnishing gigs every year in the United States, with more around the globe.

Three-quarters of about 10 million students at four-year colleges and universities in the U.S. take at least one internship before graduating, according to the College Employment Research Institute.

Interns permeate most every corner of the economy, from Disney World to Capitol Hill, the Fortune 500 to the non-profit sector, Main Street to Silicon Valley. They fetch coffee,

clean toilets and staple, but they also do more substantive work for little or no pay, Perlin said.

Perlin estimates that a

third to a half of all interns go unpaid. "It's the only major category of work that I know of that is not tracked at all by the

Bureau of Labor Statistics," Perlin said.

"Nobody's paying attention."

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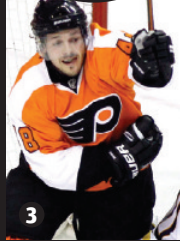
Sports in brief



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1 The Orlando Magic stayed alive in the playoffs with a 101-76 win over the Atlanta Hawks.

2 L.A.'s Andre Ethier set a major league record by extending his hitting streak to 23 games, the longest ever in April.

3 The Philadelphia Flyers advanced to the second round with a 5-2 win over the Buffalo Sabres.
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NFL needs time to 'sort this out'

Lockout has turned into limbo for NFL players and owners, and everyone is stuck there for the time being.

"It drives me insane, that's what it does," said Chicago's J'Marcus Webb, who was told he and a handful of other Bears couldn't use the team's weight room yesterday.

"What's up with that? Let me get back to what I do best."

That could take a while. The 2011 season, and the business between teams and their anxious players, is on hold. With more court fights and appeals expected, the NFL said it needed "a few days to sort this out."

At least the draft will be

held this week, even if free agency and personnel swaps are up in the air.

In one of the oddest days in NFL history, players showed up at team headquarters and most were told that they were welcome to enter as long as they didn't participate in any sort of "football activities." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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► Steelers players Ryan Clark, left, and Charlie Batch arrive at the team's training facility in Pittsburgh yesterday.

Habs heading back to Boston for Game 7

GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

► Bruins penalties come back to bite them ► Price protects lead in third

Brian Gionta and Michael Cammalleri scored during two separate two-man advantages and the Montreal Canadiens forced a decisive Game 7 in their first-round playoff series with a 2-1 victory over the Boston Bruins on last night.

Game 7 is set for tonight, with the Bruins looking to beat Montreal for only the ninth time in 33 post-season series.

Dennis Seidenberg scored for Boston, who outshot the Canadiens 32-27.

Boston was ahead in the tight series with consecutive overtime wins, but couldn't get the equalizer behind Carey Price protecting outshooting Montreal 11-6 in the third period.

Cammalleri was the cat-

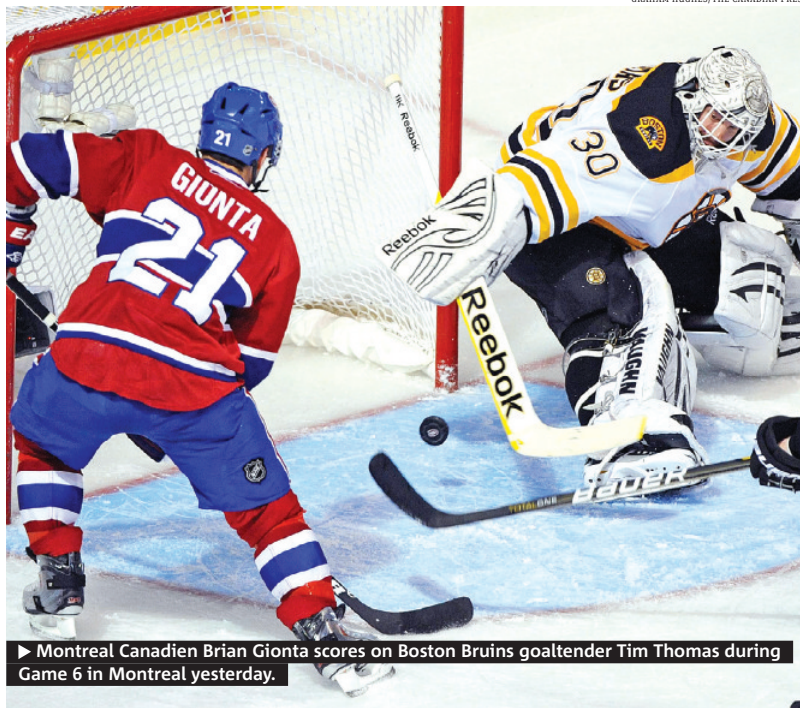
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alyst for the opening goal as he drew both a too many men on the ice and slashing call for a two-man advantage.

Cammalleri scored on a one-timer into the near post from the right circle at 10:07.

Gionta scored the winner at 5:48 of the second after Milan Lucic was ejected for a hit from behind on Jaroslav Spacek and a delay of game minor put Montreal up two men.

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► Montreal Canadien Brian Gionta scores on Boston Bruins goaltender Tim Thomas during Game 6 in Montreal yesterday.

Tiger to miss a few weeks with knee injury

Tiger Woods has a minor injury to his left knee and Achilles tendon that will keep him out of the Wells Fargo Championship next week.

Woods said on his website yesterday he hurt himself hitting a shot during

11th Tiger Woods won at Quail Hollow in 2007 and had never finished worse than 11th until missing the cut last year.

the third round of the Masters. It's the fourth time he

has missed a tournament due to his left knee. Woods did not say when he might return, but he hopes to be back in a few weeks.

"This is precautionary. We're not at all concerned," said his agent Mark Steinberg. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Sports in brief

Raonic moves on in Portugal

TENNIS. Canadian Milos Raonic won his opening match at the Estoril Open yesterday, over Russian Igor Andreev 6-4, 6-4 to set up a second-round contest with a Portugal's Joao Sousa.

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Dodgers owner to meet with league

MLB. L.A. Dodgers owner Frank McCourt said he will travel to New York to meet with MLB executives today about the appointment of a monitor to run the team. MLB seized his team after it was reported he arranged a \$30-million US loan to meet payroll.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Washington (1) vs. N.Y. Rangers (8)
(Washington wins 4-1)
Philadelphia (2) vs. Buffalo (7)
(Series tied 3-3)
Last night's result

Buffalo at Philadelphia

Boston (3) vs. Montreal (6)

(Series tied 3-3)

Last night's result

Montreal 2 Boston 1

Tonight's game

Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.

Pittsburgh (4) vs. Tampa Bay (5)

(Series tied 3-3)

Monday's result

Tampa Bay 4 Pittsburgh 2

Tonight's game

Tampa Bay at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Vancouver (1) vs. Chicago (8)

(Series tied 3-3)

Last night's result

Chicago at Vancouver

San Jose (2) vs. Los Angeles (7)

(San Jose wins 4-2)

Monday's result

San Jose 4 Los Angeles 3 (OT)

Detroit (3) vs. Phoenix (6)

(Detroit wins 4-0)

Anaheim (4) vs. Nashville (5)

(Nashville wins 4-2)

x — if necessary.

CANADIENS 2, BRUINS 1

First Period

1. Montreal, Cammalleri 3 (Subban, Plekanec)

10:07 (pp)

Penalties — Boston bench (too many men; served by Thornton) 8:54, Seidenberg Bos (slashing) 8:58, Kostitsyn Mtl (hooking) 19:39, Bergeron Bos (goaltender interference) 19:52.

Second Period

2. Boston, Seidenberg 1 (Kelly, Peverley) 0:48

3. Montreal, Gionta 3 (Gomez, Camalleri) 5:48 (pp)

Penalties — Lucic Bos (boarding major, game misconduct) 4:37, Hamrlik Mtl (interference) 10:16, Montreal bench (too many men; served by Darche) 13:49, Spacsek Mtl (hooking) 16:26, Horton Bos (slashing) 16:48.

Third Period — No scoring.

Penalty — Kelly Bos (high-sticking) 16:50.

Shots

Boston 10 11 11 —32

Montreal 11 10 6 —27

Goal — Boston: Thomas (L.3-3-0); Montreal: Price (W.3-3-0). Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 0-4; Montreal: 2-7.

Referees — Chris Lee, Kevin Pollock. Linesmen — Derek Amell, David Brisebois.

Att. — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

MONDAY

SHARKS 4, KINGS 3 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — None.

Second Period

1. San Jose, Wellwood 1 (Thornton) 2:58

2. Los Angeles, Williams 3 (Johnson, Lewis)

13:27 (pp)

3. San Jose, Demers 2 (Pavelski, T.Mitchell) 16:52

Penalties — W.Mitchell LA (slashing) 0:18, Greene LA (delay of game) 6:44, Thornton SJ (double high-sticking) 11:13.

Third Period

4. Los Angeles, Smyth 2 (Stoll) 0:18

5. San Jose, Heatley 2, 8:48

6. Los Angeles, Lewis 1 (Stoll, Martinez) 11:39 (pp)

Penalties — Demers SJ (interference) 9:43,

Doughty LA (high-sticking) 13:59, McGinn SJ

(high-sticking major, game misconduct) 16:37.

First Overtime

7. San Jose, Thornton 2 (Marleau, Setoguchi) 2:22

Penalties — None.

Shots

San Jose 16 13 5 1 —35

Los Angeles 5 13 11 0 —29

Goal — San Jose: Niemi (W.3-2-0); Los Angeles: Quick (L.2-4-0). Power plays (goals-chances) — San Jose: 0-3; Los Angeles: 2-4.

Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Brian Pochmara.

Linesmen — Shane Heyer, Jonny Murray.

Att. — 18,118 (18,118) at Los Angeles.

SCORING LEADERS

St. Louis, TB

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TENNIS

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SERBIA OPEN

At Belgrade, Serbia

Singles — First Round

Ricardo Mello, Brazil, def. John Isner (5), U.S., 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Illya Marchenko, Ukraine, def. Ernests Gulbis (6), Latvia, 6-2, 6-4.

Feliciano Lopez, Spain, def. Juan Monaco (8), Argentina, 6-4, 7-5.

Somdev Devvarman, India, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Adrian Ungur, Romania, def. Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo, Spain, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-4.

Michael Berrer, Germany, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Fernando Gonzalez, Chile, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-4.

Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Franco Skugor, Croatia, 7-5, 6-1.

Filippo Volandri, Italy, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-1, 6-4.

BMW OPEN

At Munich

Singles — First Round

Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (2), Switzerland, 7-6 (6), 6-4, 7-5.

Marin Cilic (3), Croatia, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Florian Mayer (5), Germany, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 6-1, 6-2.

Nikolay Davydenko (7), Russia, def. Andrey Kuznetsov, Russia, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Philipp Kohlschreiber (8), Germany, def. Robert Farah, Colombia, 6-3, 6-1.

Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, def. Andrey Golubev, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, def. Rainer Schuettler, Germany, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 6-1, 6-4.

Julian Reister, Germany, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 7-6 (1), 6-1.

Potito Starace, Italy, def. Jan Hajek, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.

Denis Gremelmayr, Germany, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

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Gagnani, Buf

S.Koivu, Ana

Keith, Chi

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P.Bergeron, Bos

Last night's games not included

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

ESTORIL OPEN

At Oeiras, Portugal

Men's Singles — First Round

Milos Raonic (5), Thornhill, Ont., def. Igor Andreev, Russia, 6-4, 6-4.

Thomas Bellucci (6), Brazil, def. Frederik Nielsen, Denmark, 7-5, 6-1.

Juan Martin Del Potro (8), Argentina, def. Pedro Sousa, Portugal, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Frederico Gil, Portugal, def. Flavio Cipolla, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.

Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, def. Pere Riba, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.

Eduard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Marcos Daniel, Brazil, 6-3, 6-1.

Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 4-6, 6-1, 4-4, retired.

Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 6-4, 6-3.

Women's Singles — First Round

Jarmila Gajdosova (2), Australia, def. Renata Voracova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-0.

Klara Zakopalova (3), Czech Republic, def. Beatriz Garcia Vidagany, Spain, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Anastasiya Sevastova (4), Latvia, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Greta Arn (8), Hungary, def. Maria Joao Koehler, Portugal, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Kristina Barrois, Germany, def. Sofia Arvidsson, Sweden, 6-3, 6-1.

Sloane Stephens, U.S., def. Melanie Oudin, U.S., 6-2, 6-1.

Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Simona Halep, Romania, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

Anastasiya Yakimova, Belarus, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 5-7, 4-0, retired.

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BARCELONA OPEN

At Barcelona, Spain

Singles — First Round

Alberta Brianti, Italy, def. Tsvetana Pironkova (3), Bulgaria, 6-1, 6-2.

Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, def. Ekaterina Makarova (4), Russia, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Sara Errani (5), Italy, def. Maria-Teresa Torro-Flor, Spain, 6-1, 6-0.

Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Iveta Benesova (7), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-4.

Laura Pous-Tio, Spain, def. Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (9), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-3.

Polona Hercog, Slovenia, def. Jamie Hampton, U.S., 6-4, 7-5.

Gisela Dulko, Argentina, def. Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, 7-5, 6-4.

Varvara Lepchenko, U.S., def. Elena Baltacha, Britain, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-2.

Virginie Razzano, France, def. Nuria Llagostera Vives, Spain, 7-5, 6-4.

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Chicago 9 14 .391 5½

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Texas 14 8 .636 —

Los Angeles 13 10 .565 1½

Oakland 11 12 .478 3½

Seattle 9 15 .375 6

Last night's results

Baltimore 4 Boston 1

Seattle 7 Detroit 3

Cleveland 9 Kansas City 4

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, ppd.

Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees

Toronto at Texas

Oakland at L.A. Angels

Monday's results

Toronto 6 Texas 4

Chicago White Sox 2 N.Y. Yankees 0

L.A. Angels 5 Oakland 0

Tonight's games

All times Eastern

Boston (Beckett 2-1) at Baltimore (Guthrie 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Buehrie 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Colon 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Francis 0-2) at Cleveland (Tomlin 3-0), 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m., 1st game

Oakland (T.Ross 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Haren 4-1), 7:05 p.m.

Seattle (Bedard 0-4) at Detroit (Verlander 2-2), 7:05 p.m.

Toronto (Jo-Reyes 0-2) at Texas (Holland 3-1), 8:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (W.Davis 2-2) at Minnesota (Lirio 1-3), 8:10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games

Seattle at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1:10 p.m., 1st game

Boston at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Cleveland, 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m., 2nd game

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Saturday's game

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Sunday's game

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Saturday's game

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Washington at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.

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Chicago 10 12 .455 2

Pittsburgh 10 12 .455 2

WEST DIVISION

Colorado 15 7 .682 —

Los Angeles 12 13 .480 4½

San Francisco 10 11 .476 4½

Arizona 9 12 .429 5½

San Diego 9 14 .391 6½

Last night's games not included

Florida 4 L.A. Dodgers 2

N.Y. Mets 6 Washington 4

San Francisco at Pittsburgh

Colorado at Chicago Cubs

St. Louis at Houston

Cincinnati at Milwaukee

Philadelphia at Arizona

Atlanta at San Diego

Monday's results

Florida 5 L.A. Dodgers 4

Pittsburgh 4 Washington 2

Colorado 5 Chicago Cubs 3

Cincinnati 9 Milwaukee 5

Arizona 4 Philadelphia 0

San Diego 5 Atlanta 3 (13 innings)

Today's games

All times Eastern

L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 2-1) at Florida (Ani.Sanchez 1-1), 12:10 p.m.

Cincinnati (LeCure 0-1) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 2-1), 1:10 p.m.

Colorado (Chacin 3-1) at Chicago Cubs (C.Coleman 1-1), 2:20 p.m.

Atlanta (Hanson 2-3) at San Diego (Latos 0-3), 3:35 p.m.

Philadelphia (Hamels 2-1) at Arizona (J.Saunders 0-2), 3:40 p.m.

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Engine options

All three of the Durango's trim levels — SXT, Crew Plus and Citadel — arrive with a 290-horsepower 3.6-litre V6.

Available on all but the base model is a 360-horsepower 5.7-litre "Hemi" V8 that deactivates half of its cylinders under cruise, coast and deceleration conditions, helping it achieve fuel-economy ratings of 16.6 l/100 km in city driving and 10.1 on the highway.

More space

Modifications on the 2011 Durango include extending the distance between the front and rear wheels by nearly 13 centimetres and overall length by 25 centimetres to allow space for a third-row seat.

The new Durango is now closely similar to the previous version, but is much easier to enter and exit due to its considerably less truck-like ride height.

Towing

Towing capacities will give the Durango's competitors a run for their money, especially V8 models that can pull up to 3,265 kilograms worth of boat, horse or vacation trailer.

V6 units offer a 2,800-kilogram towing capacity, which is more than the old Durango's base 3.7-litre V6 or optional 4.7-litre V8.

All-wheel-drive is standard, but exact system depends on engine choice.



Dodge's wagon applies for reinstatement into SUV club

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Once left for dead, the Dodge Durango has made a surprising comeback for 2011, after a two-year absence.

Still, it faces an uncertain future as steadily rising fuel costs could derail its return before it really gets off the ground.

Chrysler has redesigned or reformulated most of its 2011 product lineup and nowhere is that more evident than in the Durango.

The model was considered dead and buried by late 2008, but clearly Dodge had other plans.

They included building the big sport ute on a modified Jeep Grand Cherokee platform that's also being employed in the next-generation Mercedes-Benz M-Class.

The redesign has resulted in the best-looking Durango since the brand's 1998-model-year arrival.

Certainly there will always be a need for the power and passenger capacity offered by the Dodge Durango. However it remains to be seen if a two-year absence will affect its ability to make friends among the changing New World Order of sport ute fanatics.



► A rear view of the Dodge Durango.



► Overall, interior quality has taken a dramatic turn for the better in the Durango's class of vehicle, with tighter gaps and fanatical attention to detail.

Dodge Durango



What you should know about the 2011 Dodge Durango:

- **Types:** Four-door, all-wheel-drive, seven-passenger sport utility vehicle.
- **Engine (hp):** 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (290); 5.7-litre OHV V8 (360).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic.
- **Points:** Rejuvenated model the most attractive Durango yet; Base V6 stronger than previous model's base V6 and V8 powerplants.
- **Stats:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 13.0/8.9 (3.6).

5 drive

By comparison

Chevrolet Traverse AWD

Base price: \$40,300
Comparable to Durango in size and fuel economy, but lacks a V8 option.



Ford Explorer 4WD

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NEW YORK SHOW ACKNOWLEDGES GAS PRICE ANGST

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Lots of all-new and semi-new vehicles made their debuts at this week's New York Auto Show.

Many addressed the gas price thing head on. And if they didn't, they stood out like a sore thumb.

Lucky thing for those "sore thumb" types, however, that they look pretty darn cool, and in some cases, break-your-heart cool. So it's hard to stay mad at them.

Witness the new 2012 Chrysler 300 SRT8 with a new HEMI V8 rated at 465 hp and 465 lb-ft of torque, and the new 2012 Jaguar XKR-S, with 550 hp and a top speed of 186 mph.

The Scion FR-S Concept is a little more socially responsible, with its flat-four engine, but it's still more geared toward outright joy than outright fuel economy.

But now on to some random thoughts on "The Other Guys," the NY debuts that have some new weaponry, to battle the high-gas-price forces.

Balancing power with fuel efficiency

Used to be, every time a car got redesigned, it ended up being bigger, heavier and more powerful — which always hurt the fuel efficiency cause. These days, automakers are holding back the power increases to make sure their vehicles hit certain fuel efficiency targets. In the U.S. the mag-



► Behold the Scion FR-S Concept, which was on display at the New York Auto Show.

ic fuel efficiency number seems to be 40 mpg (about 5.9 L/100 km). At New York, we welcomed three more new models into the elite 40-mpg club — 2012 Honda Civic HF, 2012 Kia Rio Sedan and 2012 Mazda3.

The new 2012 Versa Sedan, also introduced at New York, is not far behind, at 37 mpg.

Auto-start is staring up
The new Rio employs an

auto-start system, which shuts the engine down whenever it is at idle, and immediately starts the engine as soon the brake pedal is released. Another show debutant, the newly revised 2012 Chevrolet Malibu, also gets this feature.

While it has been prevalent in Europe for a few years now, North America is just starting to get with

the auto-start program. Expect lots of cars to get this gas-saving feature in the coming months, and years.

Big vehicle, small motor
Americans have spoken. They will mostly remain in the vehicle size they have now, even if gas prices are scary. Going down a vehicle size is not an option for them, because they have big highways, big stuff to haul around, and generally

big bodies. So they're looking for more efficient powertrain options in those generously sized vehicles.

Ford is right on this case, first introducing a 4-cylinder option in the Explorer, and now adding this same 2.0-litre turbo engine option to the newly-revised 2012 Taurus line (which had its coming out party at New York).


Small car chic

We're continuing to see more small cars that are more than just cheap transportation.

They're also cool to look at and cool to drive.


The new VW Beetle was simultaneously introduced at the New York and Shanghai auto shows, and eschews a bit of cuteness for more sporty pretensions. Okay by me.

The Fiat 500C, a convertible-like version of the 500, also broke cover at New York, and, just looking at it, makes me want to down a cappuccino.



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A used hatch from across the pond

► Astra was short lived, but loved for fun factor and efficiency

SECOND GEAR



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With the intention of answering thousands of shoppers screaming for European product in Canadian showrooms, GM started re-badging the Opel Astra with a Saturn badge and shipping units over from across the pond for the 2008 model year.

The resulting Saturn Astra was a 3 or 5-door hatchback with four-cylinder power and front-wheel drive that largely hit the mark where ride quality, handling, interior execution and styling were concerned. Thing is, right as

What's the 4-1-1

- **Model:** 2008 to 2009 Saturn Astra
- **Vehicle Type:** 3 or 5-door hatchback
- **Approximate used price range:** \$9,000 to \$14,000

Astra was gearing up to be a hit, a recession, bankruptcy protection and a storm of economic nastiness befell the automaker, and the subsequent decision to give the Saturn brand its pink slip killed the Astra off after just two model years.

Looking for a 2008 or 2009 Astra? All models got a 1.8-litre, four-cylinder ECOTEC engine paired with a four-speed automatic or the recommended five-speed manual. The manual gearbox offers the most op-



► 2009 Saturn Astra XR 2-door

portunity for drivers to maximize Astra's 138 horsepower.

Astra was sold in a basic "XE" trim level, and a more loaded "XR" model, too.

What Owners Like

Tight handling, fuel efficiency, styling, flexibility and ride comfort are typically highly rated by Astra owners. Those with a man-

ual-equipped model tend to rate the shifter and clutch highly, too. In all, Astra is largely described as cheerful, upscale and fun to drive.

What Owners Hate

Complaints tend to centre around the lack of a standard centre armrest, as well as poor rearward visibility, small steering-wheel

audio controls and an initially-confusing stereo system.

Common Issues

Online, owner-stated reliability is somewhat limited thanks to the Astra's short lifespan — though a used model has a few things going for it right off the bat.

In addition to what looks

to be a very pleasing driving experience, GM's 160,000 kilometre powertrain warranty should provide shoppers with plenty of confidence. With five years of coverage, many used Astra models will have a great deal of warranty coverage remaining.

Be sure to double and triple-check the air conditioner for proper operation, as several owners have reported problems with the system "pulsing" or working intermittently.

Note that a check engine light and reduced engine power could be the result of a bad engine sensor, and that a "scan" of the engine computer for stored codes could reveal potential problems on this front too.

The Verdict

A used Astra, especially with a large remaining portion of GM's warranty, should prove a confident, enjoyable used hatch.

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► J.D. Power and Associates finds that vehicle reliability is improving

DRIVING FORCE

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People talk about the "good old days," but consumers today have fewer complaints about vehicle reliability than in the past, according to industry analysts J.D. Power and Associates.

Still, while complaints have dropped overall, newer technologies and in-car features can be challenging for automakers to maintain.

In the company's latest U.S. report, which looked at problems with three-year-old (2008) vehicles, overall dependability was the best it had been since the study's inception in 1990.

However, the rate of im-

provement has slowed in recent years, largely attributable to increased numbers of complaints with new electronic and safety features.

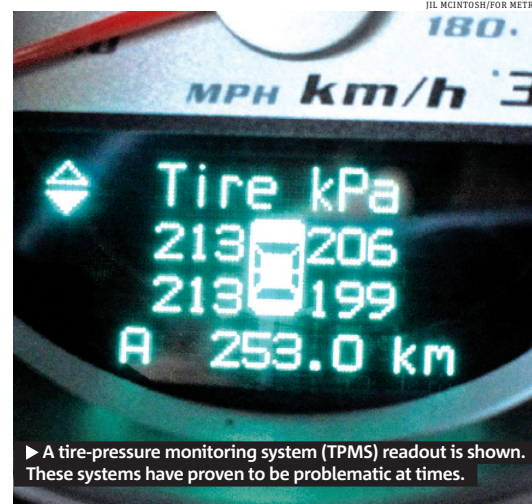
"A lot of that isn't that (the features) are getting worse, but that more vehicles contain them," says Dave Sargent, vice-president of global vehicle research for J.D. Power and Associates.

"Typically, they are fail-

ing to work as the customer would expect them to, such as the navigation system freezing up or providing the wrong directions, or hands-free systems dropping calls or not connecting, or not recognizing commands.

For the most part, though, it's offset by the added benefit they get from these technologies."

Reliability is a long-term trend, Sargent says.



► A tire-pressure monitoring system (TPMS) readout is shown. These systems have proven to be problematic at times.

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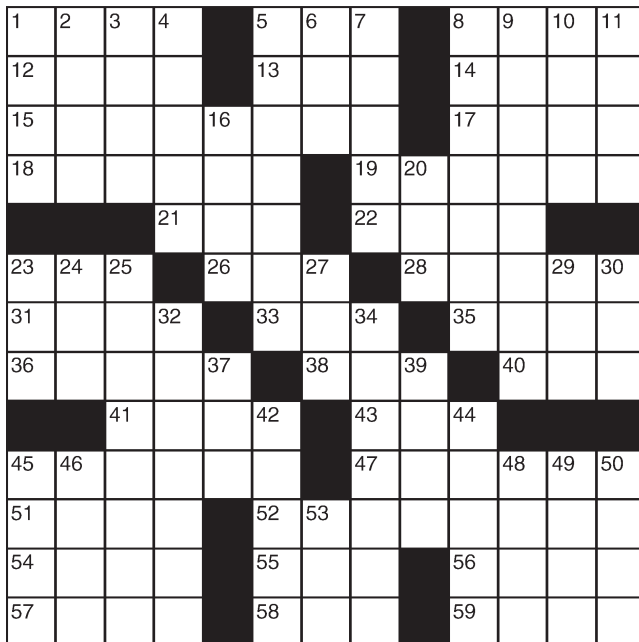
Crossword

Across

- 1 Disarray
- 5 Drunkard
- 8 MacDonald's place
- 12 Year-end celebration
- 13 Lawyers' org.
- 14 Dunkable treat
- 15 Hiker's energy source
- 17 Bellow
- 18 Mingle (with)
- 19 Sequentially
- 21 Pitching stat
- 22 Replaces divots
- 23 Fool
- 26 Wet wriggler
- 28 Handle skillfully
- 31 Comestibles
- 33 Lair
- 35 Inside picture?
- 36 Potato, for one
- 38 Have a bug
- 40 That woman
- 41 Harvest
- 43 Mai — (cocktail)
- 45 Asian capital
- 47 Buccaneer
- 51 Brewery products
- 52 Temporary solution
- 54 French meat entree
- 55 Trojans' sch.
- 56 Sea eagle
- 57 Charon's river
- 58 "A mouse!"
- 59 Iditarod team

Down

- 1 Legend
- 2 Modern money
- 3 Thick chunk
- 4 River through Paris
- 5 Did a springy Brazil-

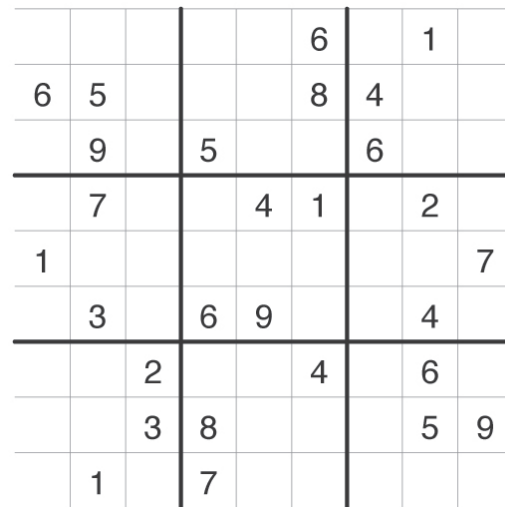


- 10 Ca-boose's place
- 11 Early hours
- 16 Traditional tales
- 20 Promptly
- 23 Astern
- 24 Not worth a —
- 25 AA goal
- 27 Meadow
- 29 — -di-dah
- 30 Coloring agent
- 32 Discard
- 34 Argue over trifles
- 37 "Norma —"
- 39 Secular
- 42 Irritate
- 44 Annoyed
- 45 Sailors
- 46 Greatly
- 48 Roundish do
- 49 Chime sound
- 50 Former partners
- 53 Work with

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

7	1	9	8	2	5	6	4	3
5	3	4	7	6	1	8	2	9
6	8	2	3	4	9	1	7	5
4	9	6	5	8	2	7	3	1
1	2	7	9	3	4	5	8	6
3	5	8	6	1	7	4	9	2
2	4	5	1	9	8	3	6	7
8	6	1	2	7	3	9	5	4
9	7	3	4	5	6	2	1	8

Yesterday's answer ►

Today

18°/11°

Thundershowers

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Thursday

18°/8°

Showers

80%

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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You need to be a lot more flexible, especially in your career.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 The emotional bruises you get today will be balanced by the knowledge that they're helping you in some way.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 You will have a profound effect on those around you today.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You will be tempted to have words with those who only seem to complain. Why don't you?

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 Put your mind to it and you'll find ways to make sense of something that didn't make sense before.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 It's okay to be outspoken but don't expect others to just sit there and take it.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Make an effort to get along with others. You'll accomplish a lot.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Stop trying to make it appear as if you're in control of every and every situation.

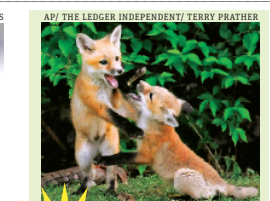
♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 There seems to be tension in the air. You need to defuse the situation. Start by not judging.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Maybe it's time to start looking around for new opportunities. Your talent is in demand.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Today, you'll have the energy to get things done quickly.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Be honest with loved ones today, even at the risk of upsetting them. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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